

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election coupled with their decision to block broadcast of the award winning "Nightline" earlier is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But recent changes in the "Fairness" rules, and consolidation of ownership of the media outlets by large conglomerates eliminate real people from our own communities and substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's partisan actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.